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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Tuyen Kim Vo

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 11/13/2007.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Aly Dossa (Reg. L0031) on 01/07/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

The Brief Description of the Drawings has been replaced with the following:

Figure 1 is an exploded view of a portable reader;

Figures 2a-2e illustrates the various elements of the portable reader;

Figures 3a-3b illustrates a portable reader in two different embodiments;

Figures 4a-4b illustrates a portable reader in two different embodiments;

Figures 5a-5b illustrates a portable reader in two different embodiments.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the arrangement of the portable reader for reading a card having a plurality of contact areas, comprising a connector having a plurality of contact pads; and a first holding element and a second holding element arranged to hold the card such that at least one contact pad of the plurality of contact pads can be connected to at least one contact area of the plurality of contact areas, and especially, wherein at least one of the first holding element and the second holding element is movable in a lateral direction as recited in claim 1 and further limitations of its dependent claims 2-7 and 9-12.

Re claim 8, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the arrangement of the portable reader for reading a card, comprising: a housing having a pivot portion; a connector having a contact pad disposed within the housing; and a first holding element configured to be supported pivotally by the pivot portion and especially, be pivoted in a lateral direction; wherein the first holding element is configured to hold the card such that the contact pad can be connected to a contact area of the card as recited in claim 8.

The previously cited reference Ito et al. (US 6,210,193 B1) teaches a card reader carrier including a connector (8 and 6); first and second holding element (23) (see figure 1 and 7; the abstract, column 3, line 32 to column 5, line 60). However, Ito fails to teach the first and the second holding element is movable in a lateral direction. The cited reference Hassanzadeh et al. (US 6,520,805 B2) teaches a memory module comprising a memory module 210; a connector housing (202); wherein the connector housing

includes two module extractor 255A and 255B; each module extractor 255 is rotationally operable to move between a close and an open position; each module extractor 255 is operable to lock the memory module 210 (see figure 2A and 2B; column 5, line 7 to column 6, line 13). Without the benefit of applicant's teachings, there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the various features from the prior art in a manner so as to create the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyen Kim Vo whose telephone number is 571-270-1657. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30a.m. - 5:00p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Paik can be reached on 571-272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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